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Mr. William J. Librizzi, Director
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Attention: Mr. Robert McKnight

Re: Millington, New Jersey

Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Librizzi:

This is to confirm the information which I supplied to Mr. Robert McKnight of your office today to the effect that I have been retained by National Gypsum Company with regard to the above matter. Please direct future correspondence regarding this matter for National Gypsum to my attention.

Your letter of July 3, 1984 enclosed an RI/FS Work Plan for the Millington site and inquired as to National Gypsum's interest in performing the RI/FS. National Gypsum is interested in undertaking the RI/FS. I am currently contacting potential contractors who could conduct the work and am sending out copies of the Work Plan to such contractors. I contemplate that it will take us a few days to determine which contractors will be interested and how long it will take them to make proposals to us. After National Gypsum has obtained proposals for purposes of comparative review, the Company would then propose to enter into the appropriate discussions with EPA.

I noticed in your letter that you have set a July 31, 1984 deadline for National Gypsum's indication of interest. I assume that this letter will be construed as meeting that deadline. I do not believe, however, that National Gypsum will be in a position to discuss the details of the conduct of the RI/FS with EPA by that date. I understand from my conversation with Mr. McKnight that an agreement is not

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necessary by July 31st, provided National Gypsum is moving ahead toward a resolution of the issue. I will keep Mr. McKnight posted as to the progress of our discussions with potential contractors over the next few weeks.

Very truly yours,

James W. Moorman

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